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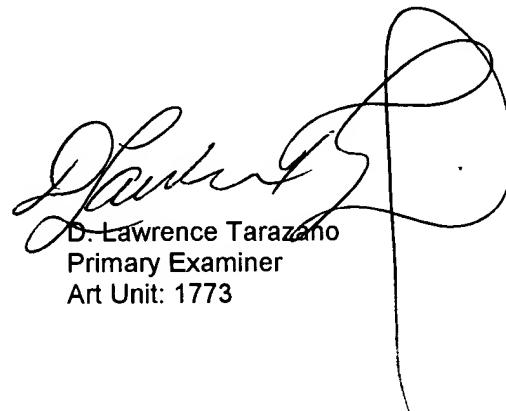
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All claims are allowable. The examiner has withdrawn the finality of the previous office action. The examiner agrees with the applicants' arguments. Going from a linear conventional linear low-density polyethylene material to the claimed homogeneous ethylene polymer is not merely a substitution of one material for another. Since the polymers have different structures the processing conditions need to be adjusted to make the polymers useful for the production of films.

However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application



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